

VI. GENERAL, MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE, & LIBRARY SERVICES IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

C.1 Grants/Other Support – LSIF Pre-Approval Consideration

The STEM Action Center recognizes the Commission for Libraries as an effective and successful partner in delivering STEM-based education and activities in communities throughout the state. In FY2017 the STEM AC supported our STEM programming both by making direct expenditures (maker tools, travel reimbursements) and by transferring funds to the Commission under the terms of MOAs. In the latter case, even though the funds needed to be spent promptly, they were deposited in the Library Services Improvement Fund (LSIF) because we had insufficient appropriation (spending authority) in our Miscellaneous Revenue Fund. The LSIF doesn't require an appropriation, but expenditures require Board action.

In FY2017, the STEM AC made \$90,000 in direct purchases/payments and transferred \$30,000 to us under an MOA. To date in FY2018, we have received \$140,150 from them under an MOA. In anticipation of another STEM AC MOA towards the end of FY2018 under which the funds would need to be expended in very short order, the Management Team has discussed the option of Board approval in advance contingent upon:

- Expenditure of STEM AC funds would be no more than \$100,000,
- The funds would be expended in support of the Commission's STEAM programming for libraries, and
- The Board of Library Commissioners would receive a written report describing the expenditures at its next regular meeting.

As outlined in Idaho Code, Board approval is required for all expenditures from the LSIF:

33-2506 (2) Purpose. The purpose of the library services improvement fund is to further the development of library services for all the people of Idaho. Moneys in the library services improvement fund are appropriated to and may be expended by the board of library commissioners at any time for the purposes provided in this section.

(4)(c) Payments from the library services improvement fund may be used only for the purposes approved by the board of library commissioners. Funding decisions shall be solely within the discretion of the board of library commissioners.

Suggested motion: I move that, upon receipt of additional funds from the Idaho STEM Action Center in SFY2018, expenditures of up to \$100,000 from the Library Services Improvement Fund be approved for implementation of the Commission's STEAM programs, and that a written report describing the expenditures be submitted to the Board at its next regular meeting.

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